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DEPARTMENT PASS SENATOR PELL'S OFFICE

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SUBJ: CODEL PELL: VISIT TO CYPRUS

1. SENATOR PELL AND PARTY (GEORGE PANICHAS, MEMBER OF RHODES ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND WILLIAM YOUNG, STAFF AIDE) MADE A PACKED, HIGHLY USEFUL 26-HOUR VISIT TO CYPRUS AUGUST 18-19.

2. ACCCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AND YOUNG, SENATOR PELL, IN THAT ORDER: CALLED ON FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES (PANICHAS PRESENT); RECEIVED POLITICAL, MILITARY AND AID/REFUGEE BRIEFINGS IN EMBASSY; HAD COCKTAILS WITH UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN; DINED WITH CLERIDES; MET WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS; CALLED ON DENKTASH; WAS ESCORTED BY DENKTASH ON A TOUR OF TURKISH REFUGEE HOUSING IN NICOSIA AREA; HELD CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES; VISITED GREEK REFUGEE CAMP IN LARNACA AREA.

3. SENATOR WILL BE PREPARING REPORT ON HIS OBSERVATIONS FOR SENATOR FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

4. HIGHLIGHTS/FLAVOR OF CONVERSATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CHRISTOPHIDES. FONMIN GAVE STANDARD GOC PRESENTATION

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STRESSING PREFERENCE FOR MULTI-REGIONAL SOLUTION BASED ON

TERRITORIAL DIVISION ROUGHLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH POPULATION PERCENTAGE. HE AGREED THAT GREEKS HAD MADE THE MAIN MISTAKES IN PAST, BUT ASKED FOR US INFLUENCE TO PRODUCE MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE FROM TURKEY AND THRGHT ARMS EMBARGO CONDUCIVE WVO THIS.

(B) WECKMANN. SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATION IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 8-9 WOULD PRODUCE PROGRESS. HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT HOUSE ACTION ON ARMS TO TURKEY BE DEFERRED UNTIL JUST AFTER THAT SESSION TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM INDUCEMENT FOR TURKEY TO AUTHORIZE DENKTASH BE FLEXIBLE.

(C) CLERIDES WAS ALSO MILDLY OPTIMISTIC BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS POLITICAL FUTURE MIGHT DEPEND ON NEW YORK RESULTS. IF THERE WERE NO PROGRESS DESPITE HIS HIPEFUL GLOSS ON VIENNA III, HIS OPPONENTS (LYSSARIDES) WOULD BE VINDICATED. SURPRISINGLY, HE WAS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF ALLEGED PAST CIA ROLE ON CYPRUS.

(D) MAKARIOS TOOK THE THEME THAT TURKS WERE TALKING FLEXIBILITY WITH AN EYE TO HOUSE ACTION ON EMBARGO AND UNGA BUT WOULD NOT FOLLOW THROUGH. HE WOULD SIGN NO AGREEMENT WHICH DID NOT IN LARGE MEASURE ENSURE GREEK CYPRIOT RIGHTS. PRIOR TO HOUSE VOTE HE WOULD NOT INJECT HIMSELF INTO US INTERNAL POLITICS BUT WOULD MAKE STATEMENTS TO "ILLUMINATE" THE ISSUES TO CYPRIOT PUBLIC. AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WOULD BE VERY BADLY RECEIVED BY US ADMINISTRATION AND WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE AGAINST US EMBASSY IN EVENT EMBARGO WERE REMOVED. MAKARIOS REPLIED THAT EMBASSY COULD BE ASSURED OF SAFETY. SENATOR PELL RAISED CONCERN OF US OVER GOC FAILURE PRESS INVESTIGATION INTO KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. MAKARIOS SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING CONVENE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD, CLERIDES AND MININT TO REVIEW AVAILABLE EVIDENCE AND DETERMINE COURSE OF ACTION.

(E) DENKTASH ARTICULATLEY PRESENTED TURKISH POSITION ON PAST INJUSTICES WHICH HE ASSERTED MADE 1974 TURKISH MILITARY ACTION CORRECT AND INEVITABLE. HE THEN PERSONALLY ESCORTED SENATOR ON A TOUR OF TURKISH REFUGEE HOUSING RESULTING FROM 1963-64 EVENTS.

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5. WITH PRESS, SENATOR PELL REFERRED TO PAST, TRAGIC MSITAKES BY BOTH SIDES; CALLED FOR CONCESSIONS BY BOTH BUT PARTICULARLY TURKS AS THE STRONGER PARTY. HE SPOKE OF THE WARM AND EASY WELCOME GIVEN HIM BY TURKS, THEREBY GRACEFULLY MAKING THE POINT THAT WITH PROPER ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS INCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT PUBLICIZED BY CONGRESSMAN BEARD NEED NOT OCCUR EVEN IN TROUBLED CYPRUS ATMOSPHER E.

6. ISSUE OF PROSPECTIVE HOUSE VOTE ON ARMS EMBARGO AROSE IN
SEVERAL OF FOREGOING CONVERSATIONS, WITH SENATOR PROBING TO DETERMINE
PROBABLE EFFECTS OF HOUSE VOTE IN SEPTEMBER ON SEPTEMBER 8-9
NEGOTIATION. FOLLOWING CONSENSUS (EXC
WDING DENKTASH) EMERGED:

(A) EMBARGO IS HAVING SOME USEFUL EFFECT ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATION.
TURKEY HAS GIVEN DENKTASH LIMITED LATITUDE TO CONVEY APPEARANCE
OF REASONABLENESS. WECKMANN AND GEEKS WITH WHOM SENATOR DISCUSSED
THIS FELT STRONGLY THAT CONGRESSIONAL VOTE SHOULD BE DEFERRED
UNTIL JUST AFTER SEPTEMBER 8-9 NEGOTIATION ARGUING THAT A PRIOR
VOTE WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON TALKS CERTAINLY IF IT SUSTAINED
EMBARGO (DENKTASH STRONGLY CONCURRED ON THIS) AND NEGATIVE
ALSO, ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY LESS SO, IF IT REMOVED THE BAN.

(B) LIFTING OF EMBARGO AFTER SEPTEMBER 9 WOULD NOT ENTIRELY
REMOVE LEVERAGE ON GOT WHICH WOULD STILL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
UNGA AND MIGHT EVEN ENABLE GOT SHOW MORE POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR
DENKTASH AND FURTHER PROGRESS (MAKARIOS DISSENTED).

(C) SUSTAINING OF EMBARGO AFTER SEPTEMBER 9 WOULD LEAVE TURKS
COMMITTED TO COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED FOLLOWING FOURTH ROUND.

7. MY COMMENT ON PRECEDING PARA FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.
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